

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Forty years ago, Don Meyer, a gifted coach and educator, began his career as an assistant coach at Western State in Colorado and came to Aberdeen, South Dakota, in 1999 to coach the Northern State University (NSU) Wolves; and,

*Whereas*, Coach Meyer has led the Wolves to seven straight 20-win seasons to follow a path of success that in return leaves in his wake a multitude of students, coaches, colleagues, and friends who have benefited from his guidance and inspiration; and,

*Whereas*, The NSU Wolves' win over the University of Mary at Wachs Arena on January 10, 2009, placed Coach Meyer as NCAA college basketball's most winning men's coach with his 903<sup>rd</sup> victory; and,

*Whereas*, Thirty-seven of his wins came at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota, 665 wins then came at Lipscomb in Nashville, Tennessee, and 201 have been earned at NSU, and counting; and,

*Whereas*, Coach Meyer was honored as NSIC Coach of the Year in 2002, and NAIA National Coach of the Year in 1989 and 1990. He was selected to the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1993, and, in 2008, he was named the Men's College Coach of the Year for South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, Coach Meyer provides a unique learning experience and multitude of life lessons to students and coaches from communities in South Dakota and across the United States at his basketball camps as a role model, mentor, friend, companion, champion, and inspiration to all; and,

*Whereas*, Coach Meyer states "It's not the coach, it's the team," but both have worked diligently together to earn this honor. He is to be commended for his success, along with his players, both past and present, for this well deserved accomplishment; and,

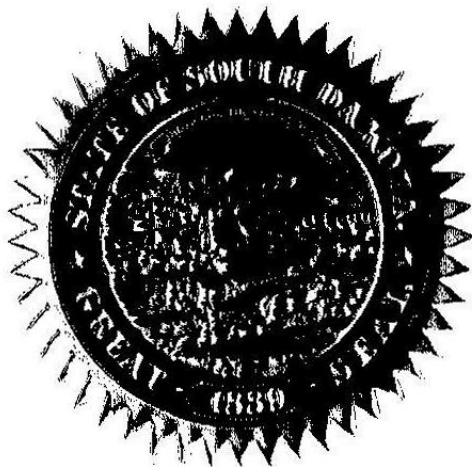
*Whereas*, Coach Meyer, his wife, Carmen, his children, Jerry, Brooke, and Brittany, and their families, along with his many friends and colleagues, and the entire community will celebrate this milestone in basketball history; and,

*Whereas*, It is proper and fitting for the Governor of the state of South Dakota to recognize Coach Meyer for his achievement, his legacy of success, and his tremendous contribution to the education and coaching profession:


*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 17, 2009, as

### *COACH DON MEYER DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

  
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M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:  
  
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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State